# SEATTLE'S ENERGY BENCHMARKING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

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## Seattle Policy Requirements



- Benchmark energy use in buildings over 10,000 sq. ft. & multifamily buildings of 5 units or more annually
- Disclose this information upon request to prospective tenants, buyers or lenders

Report energy performance data annually to the City of Seattle

#### **Experience to Date**



- Building owners value the information
- Reporting rates are on the rise but still below 50%
- IT systems are improving but need additional refinement
- Program implementation has been more complicated and time-intensive than anticipated

### **Proposed Program Changes**

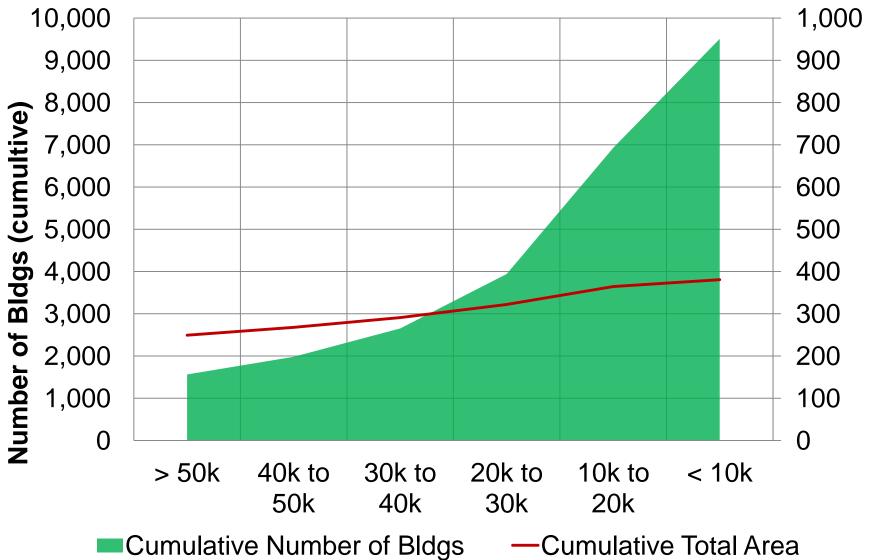


- Raise building size threshold to 20,000 SF
- Phased timeline for reporting requirement
- Simplify enforcement process
- Explore better approach for small scale buildings

#### Raise Building Size Threshold







#### **Phased Timeline**



Building Type & Size Threshold	Current Reporting Deadlines	NEW Proposed Reporting Deadlines	Annual Reporting Deadlines
Non-Residential 50,000 SF or Greater	April 1, 2012 For 2011 data <u>NOW DUE!</u>	<b>April 1, 2012</b> For 2011 data (No change)	
Multifamily 50,000 SF or Greater	October 1, 2012 For 2011 data	October 1, 2012 For 2011 data (No change)	Reporting is required each April 1st for the previous year's building energy use.
Non-Residential & Multifamily 20,000 to 49,999 SF	October 1, 2012 For 2011 data	April 1, 2013 For 2012 data (Extension)	For example, 2012 data will be due on April 13, 2013.
Non-Residential & Multifamily 20,000 SF or Less	October 1, 2012 For 2011 data	Voluntary Reporting (Encouraged)	

#### Simplify Enforcement



- Move from daily accruing to quarterly accruing fines
- Mandatory process for administrative review

Process focused to encourage compliance before penalties
Property owners
Report Your Building's Energy Use
Owners of non-residential buildings larger than 50,000 square feet are required by Ordinance 223226 to track energy performance through the U.S. EPAS ENERGY STARP Portfolio Manager and



#### **Explore Better Approach**









# Questions?

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